



December 29, 2004

Dear Fellow State Employees:

On December 26, 2004 a massive earthquake and tsunami waves devastated parts of Southeast Asia, resulting in over seventy thousand deaths with tens of thousands still missing. This catastrophe has brought great loss and grief to the world.

For more than twenty years the workforce in Maryland State government has actively helped others through the Maryland Charity Campaign. In the aftermath of this horrific disaster, we now have the opportunity to extend this generosity by assisting the victims affected by the tsunamis. We have organized the Maryland State Employees Tsunami Victim Relief Effort in an effort to support those organizations which are already on the ground and helping those devastated by this calamity.

I encourage you to open your hearts and donate to any of the following groups that are assisting the victims of this historic natural disaster.

ADRA/International Relief for Development Agency  
American Jewish World Service  
C.A.R.E  
Catholic Relief Services  
Children, Inc.  
Christian Children's Fund  
Christian Reformed World Relief Committee, Inc.  
Direct Relief International  
Feed the Children, Inc.  
Global Impact  
International Orthodox Christian Charities  
International Rescue Committee  
Lutheran World Relief  
Medecins Sans Frontieres USA, Inc.  
Salvation Army - World Service Office

No amount is too small or too large. Checks should be made payable to the specific relief organization you are donating to and sent to the Maryland State Employees Tsunami Victim Relief Effort, State House, Annapolis, MD 21401. They will be presented on behalf of our outstanding workers to the specifically-named relief organizations.

Your generosity will make a positive difference in the lives of the victims. Please join me and many of our fellow State employees in making this difference. Thank you so much for all your help!

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
Governor